

Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – 9/12/2015



Maryland Youth Advisory Council
c/o Governor's Office for Children
301 West Preston St., Suite 1502,
Baltimore, MD 21201

Senator Roger Manno, *Co-Chair*
House of Delegates Co-Chair, *(Vacant)*
Christina Drushel Williams, *Co-Chair*

Alison N. Smith, *Co-Chair*
Matthew Saxton, *Vice-Chair*
Zachary Caplan, *Secretary*

General Meeting September 12, 2015 Baltimore County Library - Perry Hall Branch 9685 Honeygo Boulevard, Perry Hall, MD 21128

In Attendance

Council Members:

Alisha Desai
Alison Smith
Antonio Morrell
Calvin Crunkleton
Christian Hooker
Connor Mull
Danielle Craige
Emma Gilligan
Eric Zhao
Gabby Nelson
Grace Hageman
Ian McGrory
Inuri Abeysekara

Jamaka Thomas
Jessica Bishai
Jonathan Dayton
Juwan Blocker
Kim Carter
Maggie Chen
Matthew Saxton
Maya Lapinski
Michael Keffler
Nicholas Coleman
Nicholas Schmitz
Nora Corasaniti
Ryan Pickrel

Sarah Ahmed
Savannah Williams
Shanna Daniels
Sydney Parker
Tahseen Rasheed
Tyler Hagen
Zach Caplan

Co-Chairs:

Christina Drushel Williams

Guests:

Kaitlyn Shulman

Overview of MYAC and Member Responsibilities

- Reviewed the general history of MYAC and appointment process.
- Reviewed the role and responsibilities, by-laws and code-of-conduct for the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.
- Members were asked to read and sign the code-of-conduct agreement.

Overview of the Legislative Process

- Kaitlyn Shulman from the Department of Legislative Services talked to the council about how the Maryland General Assembly works, how bills are drafted and move through the General Assembly, and the process for creating and approving the State Budget.
- See powerpoint presentation for additional information

Maryland Youth Policy Structure

- Reviewed the agencies and committees that create and influence policies related to children and youth, including:
 - The Governor's Office for Children

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- Children’s Cabinet,
- Joint Committee for Children, Youth, and Families
- Local Management Boards
- The Governor’s Office for Children and the Children’s Cabinet have four priorities:
 - Impact of parental incarceration on children, families, and community
 - Reducing the number of youth, aged 16-24, who are not working and not going to school,
 - Reducing childhood hunger, and
 - Reducing youth homelessness.
- Reviewed the Maryland’s Results for Child Well-Being
 - This report provides information on eight results for areas known to affect a child’s ability to grow-up healthy and secure. The report also provides statewide and jurisdictional data where available.

Overview of Robert’s Rules of Order

- Robert’s Rules of Order are designated in the Council’s by-laws as the Council’s parliamentary rule.
- The presentation provided background on the creation of Robert’s Rules, its uses as parliamentary procedure and the process of motions and actions during a Council meeting.
- The process of bringing a motion to the Council:
 - To make a motion, say, “I move that…”
 - A member seconds the motion
 - After it is seconded, it is stated by the presiding officer
 - Debate the motion
 - Vote on the motion
 - New motion is brought to the Council

Election Results

Youth Co-Chair – Alison Smith

- Alison Smith – 23
- Nicholas Coleman – 9
- Abstain - 1

Youth Vice-Chair – Matthew Saxton

- Matthew Saxton – 24
- Nicholas Coleman – 8
- Abstain – 1

Secretary – Zachary Caplan

- Zachary Caplan – 20
- Sarah Ahmed - 13

Legislative Committee Chair – Juwan Blocker

- Juwan Blocker – 14
- Tyler Hagen – 7
- Nicholas Schmitz – 7
- Grace Hageman - 5

Public Awareness Committee Chair – Michael Keffler

- Michael Keffler – 14
- Sydney Parker – 9
- Nicholas Coleman – 7
- Danielle Craige – 2
- Grace Hageman - 1

Executive Board

House and Senate

Tyler Hagen
Calvin Crunkleton
Kimberly Carter
Jonathan Dayton

Governor

TBD

Youth

Eric Zhao
Nicholas Schmitz
Jessica Bishai
Post-Secondary position TBD

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Committee Breakouts

Meeting Adjourned

Action Items

- Sign and return Code of Conduct forms, photo consent forms, and emergency contact form
- Review the 2015 Annual Report and Legislative Platform – be prepared to discuss the platform and changes to be made and issues to be included.
- Legislative Committee
 - Research and compile past legislation and trending issues to be presented for legislative ideas for MYAC to address this term
- Public Awareness Committee
 - Develop a communications strategy and plan
 - Discuss increased exposure and networking through social media and other outlets.

Next Meeting

Saturday, October 10, 2015 – Anne Arundel County Library – Riviera Beach Community Branch, 1130 Duvall Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122, 12:00 – 4:00 pm.